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DEPT PASS INTERIOR AND AID

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SUBJ: UAE REQUEST FOR USG WATER RESOURCES EXPERT

REF: ABU DHABI 0492

1. AT DINNER FOR MAURETANIAN PRESIDENT SHAYKH ZAYID SPOKE PERSONALLY TO CHARGE AND LATER RELAYED MSG THROUGH DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY AFFAIRS, SHAIKH SUROUR, REQUESTING USG TO EXPEDITE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL FOR EXPERTS TO STUDY PROBLEM OF WATER UTILIZATION AND STORAGE IN OMANI MOUNTAIN AREA.

2. SHAIKH SUROUR INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICERS MAY 2 THAT ZAYID WHO HAS BEEN TOURING EMIRATES, SPEAKS CONSTANTLY ABOUT URGENT NEED FOR WATER UTILIZATION STUDY IN MOUNTAINOUS RAS AL-KHAIMAH (RAK), FUJAIRAH AREA AND HAS MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST WEEK TO HIS STAFF THAT HE HOPES USG EXPERTS WOULD BE COMING VERY SOON TO STUDY PROBLEM.

3. A. IN VIEW OF AVID PERSONAL INTEREST OF ZAYID IN THIS SUBJECT, WOULD APPRECIATE WASH AGENCIES EXPEDITING PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL FOR DETAIL OF EXPERT(S) OUTLINED REFTTEL THAT EMB CAN PRESENT TO PRESIDENT. ZAYID DEPARTS MAY 3 ON CONTINUATION
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OF EMIRATE TOUR AND WOULD HOPE WE COULD HAVE PROPOSAL IN HAND

TO PRESENT TO HIM UPON HIS RETURN ABOUT MAY 11.

B. EVEN BETTER, IF DEPT INTERIOR OR AID COULD ARRANGE FOR EXPERT
TO MAKE SHORT VISIT TO UAE TO DETERMINE KIND OF STUDY ZAYID ENVISIONS

,
BELIEVE SUCH A GESTURE ON OUR PART COULD HAVE EXCEPTIONALLY
BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON DEVELOPMENT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. AS DEPT
AWARE, THERE IS NO ASPECT OF UAE'S DEVELOPMENT TO WHICH ZAYID MORE
DEVOTED THAN MAXIMIZING UTILIZATION OF COUNTRY'S MEAGER WATER RES-
OURCES IN ORDER TO EXPAND CULTIVABLE LAND AREA.
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